

# Haringey Cycling Campaign Meeting

## Monday 14th June 2021

### Welcome and introductions

Cllr Mike Hakata; Ben House; Grant Gahagan; Christina Buch-Petersen; Zemi; Anke Boeme; Peter G; Michael Poteliakhoff; Kim Roberts; Ross Alexander; Andrew Rendle; Rogan; Jim Bewsher; Frederick Guy

Apologies Selena Calder

**Minutes of previous HCC meeting** These were approved

### **Feedback from 30th May Dr Bike day on Kitchener Rd – Sally Haywill**

SH's report:- about 20 bikes seen to by Patrick Field between 11 and 3 pm (who as usual also entertained everyone the whole time with a running commentary). Lots of neighbours dropped by, were offered croissants, fruit, coffee or tea and juice, and chatted, several getting to meet their neighbours for the first time. Gail Bristow and I, who organised the event, were able to give gentle encouragement and advice to several women who were novice cyclists. We deliberately only advertised the event on our street, both in order to maximise the social aspect and because we got booked up with bikes to be seen early on. In addition we ran a plant sale, which raised some £40 in order to help pay for the event, and appeal to a wider 'audience', who could perhaps be engaged in things cycling in a gentle way.

### **Plan for a low traffic neighbourhood in Crouch End West – Anke Boehme**

Available <https://bit.ly/3x8KG85>

AB presented her plan for an LTN. She is an urban designer and cycles with her daughter- has to ride with her on the pavement to school. Asked for parking at school and had no positive response, but received good response from Catherine West MP on her ideas for cycling improvements and an LTN. Highlighted particular traffic conflict at the narrow bridge under Parkland Walk.

AB has started a petition for an LTN- so far 70 signatures and would welcome support from HCC.

GG recapped on the Crouch End trial interventions and the proposed LTN. This had become very contentious. The trial had been too short. MH said it had been put on hold by TfL.

### **Discussion with Councillor Mike Hakata – covering (amongst other things):**

- Raising the standard of cycling infrastructure in Haringey, LTN's and CS1

MH welcomed interaction with HCC. He is looking at the possibilities for local schemes, such as Anke's LTN proposal- could meet on site. The LTN Programme needs an overall plan for the whole of LBH. 100mil of TfL budget ring fenced for current active travel/ LTN projects to be spent by December. LBH will be asking for funding for existing proposals, but more design capacity is needed. In house teams need expanding to cope with the work in a suitable time frame, but much expertise is already available.

SH queried why one-way streets are intended to be retained in LTN's, in particular Bruce Grove, where there is a maze of one way streets.

MH agreed there should be more emphasis on LTN's in the E of the Borough. CS1 will be improved and extended. The Bruce Grove LTN will help and 2-way streets reversion should be possible. Tiger crossings are going ahead for CS1 at Philip Lane. The Crossing of the A10 at Bruce Grove also needs improvement.

PG asked why LBH cycle provision has been held back. MH said LBH engineers have expertise, but need the encouragement and support of councillors. He didn't feel there is an institutional block to improving active travel in the Borough. He wants to work with HCC to make active travel work. Local engagement is key, with residents, schools, parents and business. This could make LTN's and other schemes succeed. Engagement with business, eg on Green Lanes can change minds.

- Strategic north-south cycle route on Green Lanes

Following ride with HCC, MH is convinced Green Lanes is right alignment and not Wightman Road. He acknowledged removal of parking will be highly contentious, but the case will be made. Some people will never accept bus/cycle lanes are a good idea- this cannot be helped. The bus lane will need to remain shared for buses and cycles.

Quietway 10 (old LCN 7)- KR said the steepest hills should be avoided. Also avoiding the bus route and removing through traffic would help make this route better.

- Cycle hangars + bike parking- KR asked about cycle parking. MH agreed different types, short and long term are needed. He is looking at e-bike hire and dedicated "geo located" parking for this.

- Quick wins, local schemes- Meetings are due on the "Ladder" and Tottenham Hale. Accessibility/ inclusiveness/ prioritising pedestrians and cyclists are key. All abilities must be catered for and children should be able to walk/ scoot/ cycle safely. JB mentioned the "missing link" between Abbeville Rd and Park Avenue South, where officers have resisted looking again at shared use of the path and safety issues.

- Cycle counters- BH suggested these be installed.

- CYCLOPS junction where Wightman Rd meets Turnpike Lane?  
(<https://road.cc/content/news/could-uk-first-cyclops-junction-be-slam-dunk-cycling-275029>)  
BH mentioned this and the and thanked MH

### AOB

- Communications strategy- JB is working on this, including HCC flyers/ cards- possible strapline "safe cycling for all"

- Freedom of information requests

There was a discussion of the uses of FOI requests- tactical device, collecting data,etc

- Face Book Page- Elizabeth is working on face book, BH will contact.

- Previous reports on cycling commissioned by Haringey  
(<https://1drv.ms/u/s!Ahx32XKlfuwgYlyOxGM0NAXYtOBiQ?e=BL6EmV>)

Shared spreadsheet of recommendations (currently blank):

Summary of recommendations from Haringey reports on cycling

- Reminder of next meeting: Monday 12th July at 7:30pm